

INTRODUCTION TO THE REPORTS SECTION

In order to analyse the measures adopted to tackle COVID-19 in various countries, we asked recognised jurists in each one to write a brief article dealing with the following questions:

1. Main measures adopted by the public authorities to address the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighting those that affect basic rights and public freedoms, such as freedom of movement, the right to privacy or the right to economic freedom. Indicate whether these measures are mandatory (with penalties for infringements) or voluntary.
2. Legal basis for the measures adopted.
3. Who has adopted and managed the measures? Particular reference to federal states or states with various levels of government. Have the ordinary rules on the distribution of powers between the different levels of government been altered? Has this given rise to any extraordinary forms of relationship, in particular, intervention, coordination or cooperation?
4. Has any kind of legal debate arisen around the measures adopted which question their legitimacy, especially in relation to their effect on rights? Has there been any court decision on these questions?
5. Basic set of the main measures adopted (legislation and other regulations of interest) and, if appropriate, court decisions and other documents that may be of interest.